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AUSTRALIA

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NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$m 296,423	337,582	368,627
Gross farm product	\$m 11,321	13,637	14,269
GDP at 1984-85 prices	\$m 239,198	248,998	257,227
Gross farm product at 1984-85 prices	\$m 8,214	8,343	9,095
Gross fixed capital exp.—total	\$m 72,348	86,802	89,074
Gross fixed capital exp.—private	\$m 54,897	68,020	68,400
Household income	\$m 234,080	264,816	295,517
Private consumption expenditure	\$m 175,222	194,777	216,137

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
Foreign trade			
Total exports, f.o.b.	\$m 41,078	43,522	48,746
Total imports	\$m 40,597	47,039	51,323
Percentage of total exports to—			
Japan	% 26.0	27.3	26.1
EEC	% 15.6	13.8	14.0
Percentage of total imports from—			
Japan	% 19.3	20.7	19.2
USA	% 21.0	21.5	24.1
Major export commodities, f.o.b.			
Wool (greasy)	\$m 4,274	4,611	3,281
Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen)	\$m 2,559	2,034	2,641
Wheat	\$m 1,775	2,107	2,667
Machinery and transport equipment	\$m 2,732	2,721	3,522
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	\$m 5,284	6,349	7,189
Coal, coke and briquettes	\$m 4,834	4,738	5,942
Sugar	\$m 669	921	1,118
Major import commodities			
Machinery	\$m 12,169	13,780	15,581
Transport equipment	\$m 4,199	6,843	7,862
Chemicals and related products	\$m 4,274	4,985	5,234
Balance of payments			
Balance on current account	\$m -11,081	-17,760	p-20,729
Balance of merchandise trade (BOP basis)	\$m 155	-3,985	p-3,779
Net services	\$m -2,696	-2,960	p-3,656
Net income	\$m -10,204	-13,013	p-15,720
Net unrequited transfers	\$m 1,664	2,198	p2,426
Balance on capital account	\$m 8,824	14,455	p15,212
Total official	\$m 499	-373	p104
Total non-official	\$m 8,325	14,828	p15,108

Exchange rates (period average)

United States dollar	units per \$A	0.7290	0.8160	0.7697
United Kingdom pound	units per \$A	0.4167	0.4755	0.4733
West German mark	units per \$A	1.262	1.512	1.367
Japanese yen	units per \$A	97.59	106.95	113.27

TRANSPORT

	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
Motor vehicles on register, June(a)	'000 9,544	9,806	n.a.
Cars and station wagons, June	'000 7,244	7,442	n.a.
New motor vehicles registered(a)	'000 489	588	648
Civil aviation (passenger km)			
Regular internal services	mil. 113,267	13,733	9,954
Overseas services	mil. 24,536	26,517	n.a.
(Australian airlines)			

(a) Includes motor cycles, excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers

BUILDING

	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
New houses (completed)	'000 93	116	118
New other dwellings (completed)	'000 28	35	42
Value of new dwellings completed	\$m 7,334	10,480	12,766
Value of other buildings completed	\$m 9,851	12,346	14,187

Capital cities		Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Derwin	Canberra
Population (June 1989p)	000	3,624	3,039	1,272	1,037	1,158	181	73	302
Average annual rainfall	mm	1,214	655	1,151	528	873	626	1,661	630
Average daily hours of sunshine		6.7	5.7	7.5	6.9	7.9	5.8	8.4	7.6
Average temperature									
January, maximum	°C	25.8	25.8	29.4	29.5	29.6	21.5	31.7	27.7
January, minimum	°C	18.4	14.0	20.8	16.4	17.7	11.7	24.7	12.9
July, maximum	°C	15.9	13.3	20.4	15.0	17.3	11.5	30.3	11.1
July, minimum	°C	7.9	5.7	9.6	7.3	9.0	4.4	19.2	-0.3

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States of Australia		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
Area	'000 km ²	802	228	1,727	984	2,526	68	1,346	2	7,682
Population: March 1990p	'000	5,813	4,366	2,892	1,436	1,628	455	156	283	17,027
Crops (area sown) 1989-90p(a)	'000 ha	4,038	2,101	2,586	2,975	5,167	95	8	1	16,968
Numbers at 31.3.90p										
Sheep and lambs(a)	mil.	60.1	29.3	16.4	18.2	38.4	5.3	—	—	167.8
Cattle and calves(a)	mil.	5.3	3.6	9.2	0.9	1.7	0.6	1.3	—	22.6
Output										
Shorn wool 1989-90p(a)	'000 t	292	142	71	107	194	21	—	—	827
Wheat for grain 1989-90p(a)	'000 t	3,364	1,991	1,391	2,569	4,803	3	—	—	14,121
Beef and veal 1989-90p	'000 t	441	321	629	100	107	48	26	7	1,679
Mutton and lamb 1989-90p	'000 t	200	180	32	89	96	20	—	12	628
Whole milk intake by factories 1989-90p	mil. L	877	3,787	623	357	266	345	—	—	6,255
Gold bullion (dore) 1987-88(b)	tonnes	8.9	1.6	36.2	—	106.8	0.1	13.8	—	167.5
Iron ore and concentrates 1987-88	'000 t	—	—	—	1,975	97,967	2,260	—	—	102,202
Tin concentrate 1987-88	t	8	—	664	—	434	12,561	—	—	13,667
Coal (saleable) 1987-88	'000 t	61,945	—	65,819	2,557	3,702	405	—	—	136,428
Crude oil (incl. condensate) 1987-88	ML	—	(c)22,959	1,685	2,169	(c)3,100	—	1,384	—	31,297
Natural gas 1987-88	GL	—	(c)5,222	620	4,747	(c)3,887	—	275	—	14,751
Gross value of production										
Agriculture 1988-89	\$m	6,826	5,037	4,548	2,268	3,719	603	98	20	23,120
Turnover										
Manufacturing 1988-89(d)	\$m	51,680	51,675	20,091	13,076	10,580	3,835	542	430	151,908
Mining(e) 1988-89p	\$m	3,589	1,616	5,188	844	6,465	511	1,144	—	19,357
Household income per head of mean population 1988-89										
	\$	16,564	16,347	13,800	14,635	15,092	13,293	15,109	20,196	15,702

(a) Data from annual Agricultural Census. (b) Includes alluvial gold. (c) Data from Department of Primary Industries and Energy. (d) Excludes single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer than four persons employed at end of year. (e) 1988-89 truncated mining census comprised of metallic minerals, coal, oil and gas industries.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS: AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES, 1989-90

Country	Estimated population (millions)	Surface area km ² (⁰⁰⁰)	Population density (per km ² of surface area)
Australia	17.00	7,682.3	2
Canada	26.25	9,976.1	3
France	56.16	551.5	102
Germany (Fed. Rep. of) (a)	78.00	357.0	218
Italy	57.52	301.3	191
Japan	123.12	377.8	326
New Zealand	3.31	268.7	12
Spain	38.81	504.8	77
United Kingdom	57.20	244.1	234
United States of America	248.76	9,372.6	27

(a) Includes German Democratic Republic.

	Birth rate (per '000)	Life expectancy at birth		CPI as at Dec 1989 1980=100.0
		Male	Female	
Australia	14.9	73.1	79.5	209.7
Canada	14.5	73.3	80.2	172.8
France	13.8	72.6	81.1	180.2
Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	11.0	72.3	79.1	127.4
Italy	9.9	72.6	79.2	241.9
Japan	10.1	75.8	81.9	119.8
New Zealand	17.5	71.1	77.5	267.3
Spain	10.8	73.1	79.7	234.9
United Kingdom	13.8	72.5	78.2	177.7
United States of America	15.9	71.6	78.6	153.0

Sources: For foreign countries:

World Health Statistics Annual WHO Geneva 1989

United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics May 1990

Symbols:

p — preliminary figure

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n.a. — not available

n.p. — not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable).

CRIMINAL OFFENCES

	1986	1987	1988
Murder	no. 299	309	294
Assault(a)	no. 55,783	62,041	71,412
Break and enter	no. 283,923	302,863	323,241
Motor vehicle theft	no. 132,959	125,427	126,903

(a) includes serious and non-serious assault and sexual assault

DEMOGRAPHY

1978-79 1983-84 1988-89

Population and vitals

Population at 30 June	'000	14,516	15,579	16,633
aged less than 15	%	25.6	24.0	22.1
aged 15-64	%	65.0	65.9	66.9
aged 65 and over	%	9.4	10.1	11.0
Births	'000	223	241	250
overseas born mothers	%	n.a.	21.1	22.2
Australian born mothers	%	n.a.	78.9	77.8
Deaths	'000	108	111	119
Marriages	'000	104	115	117
Divorces	'000	40	42	41

Overseas movements

Net permanent and long-term movement	'000	+58	+47	+137
Visitor arrivals, short-term	'000	700	992	2,220
Resident departures, short-term	'000	1,132	1,310	1,837

HEALTH

Leading causes of death

		1979	1984	1989
Heart disease	no.	38,197	37,727	40,261
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no.	22,138	25,820	30,144
Cerebrovascular disease (stroke)	no.	13,432	12,660	12,579
Respiratory disease	no.	7,174	7,802	10,811
Accidents	no.	6,399	5,176	5,621
Suicide	no.	1,677	1,712	2,096
Total deaths	no.	106,568	109,914	124,232

Hospitals at 30 June

		1988	1989	1990
Recognised (public) hospitals	no.	729	723	702
Private hospitals	no.	335	337	331
Day surgery hospitals	no.	—	—	38
All hospitals	no.	1,064	1,060	1,071

Beds at 30 June

		1988	1989	1990
Recognised (public) hospitals	no.	65,793	65,013	63,805
Private hospitals	no.	21,657	22,067	21,909
Day surgery hospitals	no.	—	—	322
All beds	no.	87,450	87,080	86,036
Beds per '000 population		5.3	5.2	5.0

Source: Department of Community Services and Health

LABOUR

Labour force

		1988	1989	1990
Civilian labour force, May—males	'000	4,723	4,850	4,949
Civilian labour force, May—females	'000	3,225	3,398	3,516
Unemployed persons, May	'000	593	519	550
Job vacancies, May	'000	58	73	51
Trade union membership, June	'000	3,213	3,410	n.y.a.
Industrial disputes, work days lost, year ended 30 June	'000	1,690	1,285	1,173

Wages, weekly earnings and hours

Award rates of pay index—full-time adult employees at 30 June 1985=100		115.0	122.9	130.0
Average weekly earnings, all employees, November	\$	430.10	457.20	n.a.
Hours (incl. overtime), full-time non-managenal adult employees, November	no.	39.9	n.a.	n.a.

FINANCE

Government finance

		1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
Revenue (all governments)	\$m	97,143	110,291	122,883
Cwth income tax, persons	\$m	38,062	41,887	47,537
Other Cwth government taxes	\$m	28,273	33,024	35,803
State and local government taxes	\$m	16,164	18,979	22,267
Total outlay (all governments)	\$m	110,346	115,265	122,869
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	43,729	46,695	49,806
Personal benefit payments to residents	\$m	24,990	27,843	29,360
Expenditure on new fixed assets	\$m	18,661	17,813	19,442

Private finance

		1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
All bank deposits(a)				
June balances	\$m	123,218	159,307	183,430
Housing finance commitments to individuals				
Trading banks	\$m	2,149	2,736	
Savings banks	\$m	14,027	16,068	14,059
Permanent building societies	\$m	3,636	3,045	1,879
Public unit trusts: total assets				
Listed	\$m	9,452	10,818	n.y.a.
Unlisted	\$m	11,718	14,857	n.y.a.
Cash management	\$m	3,690	3,749	4,547

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia

PRODUCTION AND RETAIL SALES 1987-88 1988-89 1989-90

Agriculture

Gross value of agriculture	\$m	20,152	23,120	p23,961
Crops	\$m	7,812	9,906	p10,210
Livestock slaughtering etc.	\$m	5,074	5,292	p5,642
Livestock products	\$m	7,257	7,911	p8,091
Wheat production	000 t	12,287	13,935	p14,121
Wool production	000 t	730	769	p828
Meat production (excl. poultry)	000 t	2,471	2,343	p2,625

Mining

Iron ore and concen: rates(a)	000 t	96,449	102,188	97,727
Black coal	000 t	182,254	168,246	184,051
Crude oil (incl. condensate)	ML	31,520	31,264	28,429
Natural gas	GL	14,683	15,250	16,007

Manufacturing

Basic iron	000 t	5,544	5,875	6,188
Cement	000 t	6,158	6,901	7,075
Tobacco and cigarettes	000 t	27	27	25
Beer	ML	1,891	1,951	1,944
Assembled motor vehicles	000	337	363	411
Electricity	MkWh	136,867	144,854	152,970
Electric motors	000	2,844	3,076	2,553
Yarn—cotton	t	20,667	20,504	21,044
Yarn—wool	t	23,076	21,458	19,723

Retail turnover (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc)

\$m	70,881	76,842	83,270
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(a) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources

PRICE INDEXES

		1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
Consumer (8 capital cities)	1980-81=100	174.5	187.3	202.3
Export	1974-75=100	265.0	263.0	298.0
Import	1981-82=100	162.0	151.6	n.y.a.
Building materials—House	1985-86=100	113.8	126.1	p135.8
Building materials—Other	1979-80=100	196.8	214.9	p231.9
Manufacturing				
Materials used	1984-85=100	111.4	113.1	p119.0
Articles produced(a)	1988-89=100	93.6	100.0	p106.5

(a) Rebased figures released in August 1990.



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